[28th March 1953

Alleged forcible collection of rent in Tekkali taluk, Srikakulam district.

8-40 a.m. * 220 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of telegrams, petitions and representations were received by the Collector, Srikakulam, and the Hon. Revenue Minister from the ryots' associations in Tekkali taluk, Srikakulam district, with a request that all forcible collections of arrears of rent in unsurveyed (Amani) Estate villages be stopped; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"(a) & (b) Certain telegrams and representations on behalf of the estate ryots of Srikakulam district, particularly Tekkali taluk, were received by the Government recently stating that the collection of arrears of rent was causing hardship to them and requesting that the collection might be stopped. The Government have issued orders that attachments for arrears should be lifted, that demand should be confined to arrears of one fasli at present and that demand for arrears of one more fasli should be made in June-July after summer crop is harvested."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—"May I know whether any specific orders have been issued stopping all collections of arrears in certain villages like Nagarampalli, Champapuram, etc., where illegal collections have been made?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I do not know anything of the kind, but the hon. Gentleman seems to have a speedier source of information. I will use my own source and find out whether it is a fact."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—"May I know whether there are any summer crops in Tekkali taluk and, if so, what they are?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I would like to have notice of the question, Sir."

Fair price shops in West Godavari district.

* 221 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether all fair price shops in West Godavari district have since been closed;

(b) whether there were any stocks of foodgrains at the time of the closure of the shops;

(c) if so, the balance of stocks and what has been done with such stocks;